# VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am, by Chairman Sandra Cavataio.

Present: Chairman Sandra Cavataio

Council Member Barrette, Council Member Doug Kucyk, Committee Member Chuck Ruifrok

Absent: Mayor Ted Kedzierski,

Also Present: Finance Director/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

Cathy Hall

Interim City Manager, Tom Krolczyk

**DPW Mike Way** 

Public Safety Director, John Schulte

All items pertinent to this meeting are either attached or placed on file. Council Member Barrette did roll call.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8 2020

Motion by Council Member Barrette to approve, seconded by Ruifrok, passed unanimously.

## ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS:

#### **ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Finance Director/Treasurer Position**-Cathy Hall was introduced to the Committee as the new Finance Director/Treasurer replacing outgoing Rhonda Ricketts.
- B. **Pre-Audit Year-End Statements** Ricketts went through the pre-audit year-end financial statements and suggested that they focus on setting up a road fund for future road repairs. She also explained that the auditors were in the previously

week and were also working remotely to complete the audit. Some savings were gained from the delayed opening of the pool and the limited staff and hours. The Public Safety overtime has been up due to being short two officers. Ricketts stated there is a \$64,000 savings overall. Kucyk stated it would seem to have been more savings because of the absence of a City Manager and full-time Assistant. Cavataio replied that both those positions will soon be filled. Ricketts stated that the city needs an additional administrative assistant to help with administrative duties. She also stated the OPEB, specifically the retiree change will not impact the report. She also stated that they will be looking into a new actuarial company for a small savings that will provide more timely reporting. The Pension Commission will be meeting in November to weigh in. Public Defender costs have gone up and the Court Administrators have been attending court weekly virtually at Grosse Pointe Farms. Rhonda weighed in on how the water and sewage is calculated from GLWA and SEMSD and suggested residents turn down their sprinklers. Cavataio suggested that the pension actuarial company be changed from the company we are currently using. Kucyk asked when the Directors submit their Wish Lists for the upcoming budget. Way stated he is currently getting bids for the approved pickup truck. Schulte stated that fire fighter gear, one new police vehicle and all new side arms for Public Safety will be on his list for next year.

# **ITEM 6 OTHER**

Adjournment: Motion by Kucyk, seconded by Cavataio

## ITEM 7 PUBLIC COMMENT

## ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Finance Meeting Tentative date is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned at 10:50 am.

Tom Krolczyk Interim city Manager